

Amendments to the Specification:

After the title and before the first line, please add the following new paragraphs:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/FR03/00786 having an international filing date of March 12, 2003, which designated the United States, the entirety of which is incorporated herein by reference.

This application also claims the benefit of French Application No. 02.03497, filed March 15, 2002, the entirety of which is incorporated herein by reference.--